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Mr. Bharat Mathur
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May 30, 2006

Re: Request for Redesignation and
Maintenance Plan for Ozone Attainment
in the 8-hour Ozone Basic Nonattainment
Area for St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties,
Indiana
Final Submittal

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) prepared a draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Ozone Attainment in the 8-Hour Ozone Basic Nonattainment Area for St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties, Indiana, and submitted it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) with a request for parallel processing on March 30, 2006. IDEM conducted a public hearing concerning the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan on April 27, 2006 and the public comment period concluded on May 3, 2006.

Attached hereto is the final Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties, Indiana. This final version documents the public review process. The document has not been altered substantively since it was submitted to the U.S. EPA for parallel processing on March 30, 2006.

The attached document consists of the following:

(Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan)

- A formal request that the St. Joseph and Elkhart nonattainment area be redesignated to attainment and classified as maintenance. It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the Redesignation guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- A maintenance year of 2020 is established and 2010 is analyzed as an interim year.

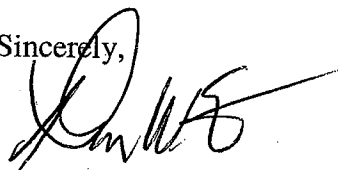
- The appendices of the document contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the mobile emissions analysis.
- A transcript of the public hearing and record of all comments received.

Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

- Contained in the Redesignation Petition is a new motor vehicle emissions budget for 2020. The Michiana Area Council of Government's (MACOG's) travel demand model and MOBILE6.2 were used to determine mobile source emissions for the area.
- The Travel Demand Model was updated with the best available assumptions.

IDEM hereby requests that the US EPA proceed with final review and approval of this submittal. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Laurence Brown, Air Programs Branch at (317)234-3097.

Sincerely,



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